

28 and 30 Westgate, Cowbridge

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- 1851 ? William Fletcher *Census*
- 1871 John Preece, 39, blacksmith with wife Jane, 39, b Pendoylan, daughter Mary, 5 and son Lewis, 3, both b Pendoylan. *Census 146*
- 1874 John Preece occupied; Stibbs owned.
- 1881 Margaret Williams, widow, 35, formerly stone mason's wife, b Maesteg, with sons Henry, 15, tiler's apprentice, b Cardiff, Edward, 14, b Aberthin, John, 12, Thomas, 8, Morgan, 5, and William, 2. *Census 16*
- 1891 John Preece, 59, blacksmith b Llanharry, with wife Sarah b Pendoylan and son Lewis, 27, blacksmith b Pendoylan, daughter Sarah, 19 dressmaker b Cowbridge, and son William, 17, blacksmith's apprentice, b Cowbridge *Census 19*
- 1901 John Preece, 69, with wife Jane, 69, daughter Sarah, 29 and grandson Trevor, 18, labourer on cricket ground, born Cowbridge *Census 218*
- 1910 Giliad Spencer occupied; Mrs Preece owned *D/D PRO/VAL/1/46*
- 1912 Giliad Spencer *Western Mail street directory*

30 Westgate - Preswylfa

- 1843 Part of property of Thomas Edmondes, occupied by Robert Church *Tithe*
- 1851 ? William Fletcher, 32, kitchen gardener, born Bristol, with wife Mary, 24, b Cowbridge and daughter Maria Jane, 4 months. *Census 24*
- 1861 William John
- 1871 William John, 31 auctioneer's clerk, born Bridgend, with sisters Margaret, 27 and Ellen, 19, both domestic servants, b Bridgend *Census 145*
- 1874 William John owned and occupied *Glamorgan rates*
- 1881 William John, 41, relieving officer and registrar of Bridgend and district. With wife Mary, 30, b Cowbridge, daughter Annie, 6, and sons Thomas, 2, and Alfred, 6 months.; also servant Alice Thomas, b Pendoylan *Census 15*
- 1891 William John, registrar births and deaths, relieving and ? vaccination officer, wife Mary, 2 daughters and 3 sons (Anne, Blanche, Thomas, Alfred, William). *Census 18*

1901 Mary John, 50, own means, with Annie and Alfred, 20, a carpenter *Census 219*

1910 Mary John owned and occupied; Mrs Edmondson – superior interest

1922 Preswylfa leased for 60 years from 1/5/1868 *Old Hall estate auction 2/11/1922*

Photo taken in 1933 (chs07214) shows railings in front. These were removed for the war effort, but replaced about 2003 with matching ones. The laurel bushes at the front were typical of Cowbridge High St, Westgate and Eastgate at the time.

Information from Colwyn Jones

1960s-80s Selwyn Davies – last mayor of Cowbridge borough.

Sources/abbreviations :

GRO Glamorgan Record Office

PRO Public Record Office (Kew)

Census, tithe, directories, county rates, directories - all in GRO